

Method and Apparatus for Presenting a Summary of Selected Values

Abstract

A method, system, and article of manufacture for quickly and easily obtaining information about a list of elements. The present invention provides a method, system, and
5 article of manufacture that provides a way to quickly and easily obtain information about a list of elements. One aspect of the present invention is a method of displaying customizable summary information about a list of elements. One embodiment of this method comprises receiving a selection of at least one desired summary function, generating a configuration file containing the at least one desired summary function, receiving a selection of a list of numbers, copying the list
10 of numbers into a clipboard, parsing the configuration file to extract the least one desired function, calculating the at least one desired summary function using the list of desired numbers to generate summary information, displaying the summary information in a pop-up window, and replacing the selected list of numbers with the summary information. The results window in some embodiments may be a pop-window, a hover-help window, or the clipboard.